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TAGS: OVIP (JOSEPH, JAMES) UK

SUBJECT: VISIT OF INTERIOR UNDER SECRETARY

REF: (A) LONDON 08077, (B) STATE 128334, (C) LONDON 8187

1. IN LIGHT INFORMATION CONTAINED REF. A, INTERIOR WOULD
LIKE EMBASSY TO SUGGEST SCHEDULE COVERING THE FOLLOWING:

-- KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO SEMINAR 10:30 A.M. JUNE 5; REMAIN AT
SEMINAR UNTIL AFTER LUNCH.

-- CLOSING REMARKS TO SEMINAR ABOUT MID-AFTERNOON JUNE 9.

-- APPOINTMENTS WITH BENN, SHORE, MILLS, AND UNION REPS
MENTIONED PARA 4 REF B.

-- VISITS TO COAL MINES.

-- VISIT TO ABERDEEN AND PETERHEAD.

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-- COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR.

RE PARA 4 REF B, MORNING OF JUNE 9 OPEN FOR APPOINTMENTS.

2. JOSEPH AND HELLER ARRIVE LONDON VIA PA 106 AT 8:30
A.M. JUNE 4 (SUNDAY). JOSEPH PROBABLY WILL DEPART JUNE 9

REPEAT 9 LATE AFTERNOON. HELLER WILL REMAIN IN LONDON THROUGH NIGHT OF JUNE 12. EMBASSY REQUESTED RESERVE TWO SINGLES ACCORDINGLY AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HOTELS: STAFFORD, ST. JAMES PLACE, SW1; PORTMAN, PORTMAN SQ., W1; LEINSTER TOWERS, LEINSTER GARDENS, W2; OR DUKE, ST. JAMES PLACE, SW1. IF ROOMS UNAVAILABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST SIMILAR ALTERNATIVE OF MEDIUM PRICE. HELLER WILL ACCOMPANY ON ALL APPOINTMENTS AND VISITS. SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER ABOVE SCHEDULE WOULD HAVE ANY FLEXIBILITY FOR OTHER APPOINTMENTS TO BE ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL IN LONDON.

3. UNDER SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING WITH BENN AND SHORE FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE AS MINISTERS: (A) ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THEIR MINISTRIES (B) SOURCES OF THEIR AUTHORITY AND WHETHER UK HAS AN EQUIVALENT TO THE U.S. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND IF SO HOW IT WORKS; (C) HOW THEY AS AGENCY HEADS RELATE TO THEIR LEGISLATION AND PARLIAMENT; AND (D) HOW THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRIES RELATE TO EACH OTHER. DURING VISIT WITH MILLS UNDER SECRETARY PLANNING TO DISCUSS: (A) UK VIEW OF FUTURE FOR USE OF DIESELS IN UK COAL MINES; (B) MINES MONITORING AND COMMUNICATIONS; (C) TRENDS IN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO RESCUE TRAPPED MINERS; AND (D) ANTICIPATED NOISE REGULATIONS IN UK MINES AND ENGINEERING PROBLEMS OF COMPLIANCE. IF APPROPRIATE
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IN TALKS WITH UNION OFFICIALS (PARA 4 REF B) UNDER SECRETARY WOULD OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON USE OF DIESELS AND USE OF INCENTIVE PAY, WHICH UK UNIONS SUDDENLY ADOPTED AFTER LONG OPPOSITION. CHRISTOPHER

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